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TOPIC Artillery Regiment in Zittau of KVP Division Dresden.

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1. The artillery regiment in Zittau, subordinate to KVPB Dresden, had the designation "B-Kommando, Zittau I" and was quartered in the Alte Infanterie Kaserne at the intersection of Kant Strasse and Sachsen Strasse in Zittau.
2. The unit was organized into the headquarters, the command platoon, the Kommando school, the supply platoon, and the 1st, 2d and 3d Bns, and totaled about 350 officers, NCOs and EM. The platoons of the 5th and 6th Cos of the 2d Bn consisted of NCOs. Personnel for the two companies were expected to arrive in late January 1954.
3. Officers of the unit included Major Kratzberg (fnu), commanding officer, Captain Naether (fnu), political officer; Captain Richter (fnu), deputy commanding officer, Captain Boehm (fnu), state security service officer; Captain Kreuzburg (fnu), chief of staff, Captain Kern (fnu), supply deputy; and Captain Nutmacher (fnu), commanding officer of the 2d Bn, who formerly was a battery commander in a heavy artillery battalion of the German Armed Forces. One Soviet colonel and two Soviet lieutenant colonels were assigned as advisers.
4. The unit was armed with 40x122-mm howitzers, 2 x 76-mm guns; and 1x45-mm AT gun and was equipped with 45 G-3 trucks; 2 G-5 tank trucks; 1 ZIS repair-shop truck; 1 ZIS radio truck; 2 Phasenomen-Granit ambulances; and 5 BMW sedans.
5. In early October 1953, individual guns of batteries of the unit held record firing at Rietschen, about 30 km north of Goerlitz with allegedly satisfactory results. The observation posts were occupied by officers.
6. The AAA (S 5) Kommando of the KVPB in Dresden had the designation Zittau II and was also quartered in the installation in Zittau.

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Lieutenant Colonel Engel (fnu), commanding officer of the AAA Kommando also was post commander.

Comment. The report confirms the How Arty Regt and the AAA Regt of the Dresden Neck Div in Zittau. According to T.E, a howitzer artillery regiment is equipped with 36x122 mm howitzers. The other guns are instruction weapons of the regimental school.

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